





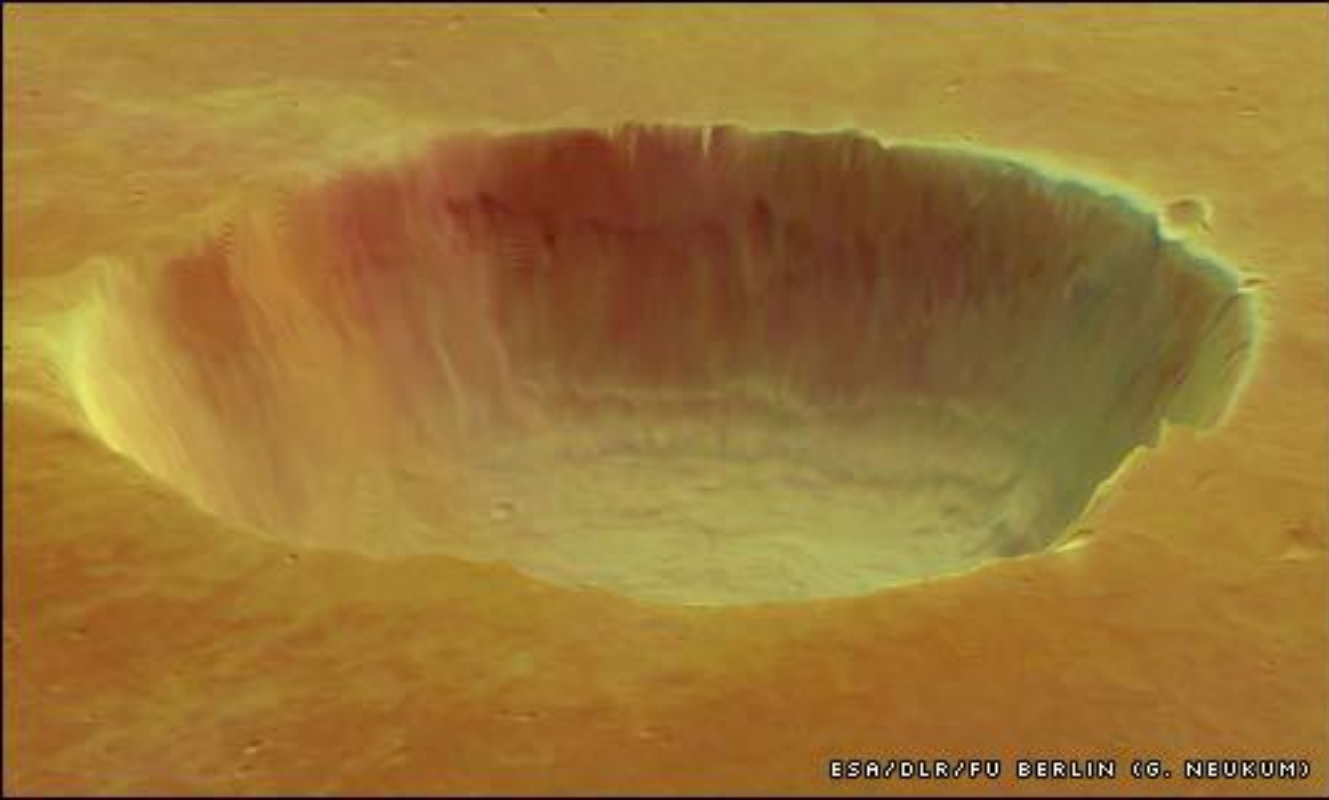












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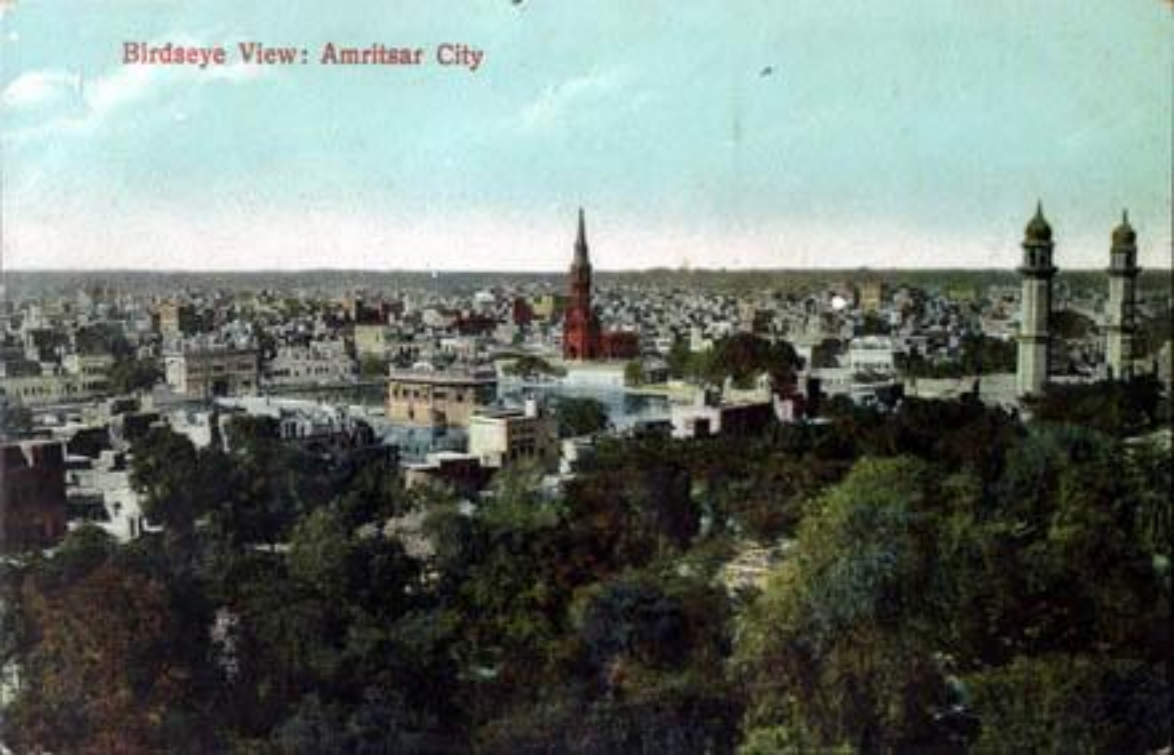








Birdseye View: Amritsar City



6 Summit (29,029 ft.)

Everest

The Hillary Step

Climbed with fixed ropes, this stage is often a bottleneck as only one mountaineer can ascend at a time.

Lhotse

5 Camp IV (26,085 ft.)

First camp within the Death Zone. Most climbers at this elevation can no longer acclimatize.

Nuptse

4 Camp III (23,625 ft.)

The Lhotse Face

A steep, shiny ice wall.

3 Camp II (21,000 ft.)

2 Camp I (19,685 ft.)

Khumbu Icefall

A huge, shifting pack of ice and crevasses, this stage is considered one of the most treacherous.

1 Base Camp (17,598 ft.)

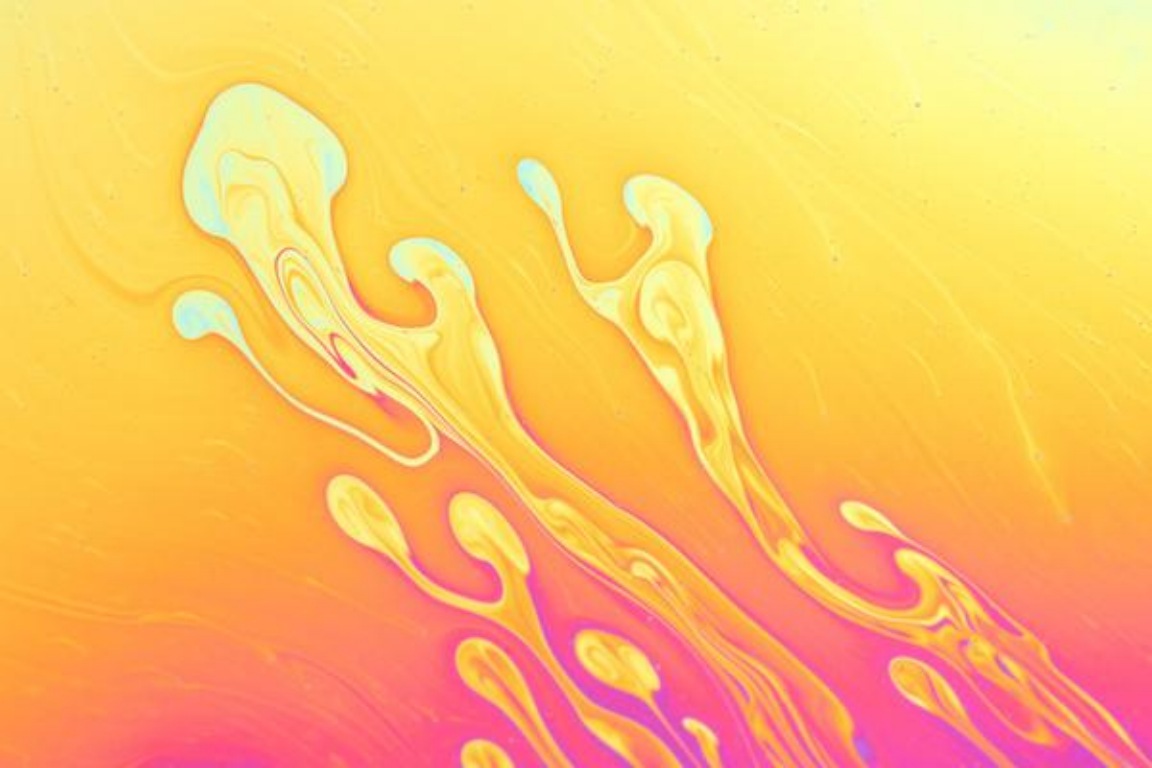
Support staff remain here. Climbers train and acclimatize.

THE
DEATH
ZONE

SOUTH ROUTE

















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